International Conference at the Department of Early Modern History, University of Bern, 2–4 November 2023

**Religious Orders and the ‘World’: Catholic Regular Clerics’ Self-Positioning in Early Modern Societies**

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### Programme

**Thursday, 2 November 2023**

**Conference venue:** UniS, Schanzeneckstrasse 1, Bern, room S201

2.00 to 6.30pm

2.00 to 2.30pm: Giuanna Beeli, Lukas Camenzind, Nicolas Rogger and Christian Windler, *Introduction*

1. **Communicating Observance**

2.30 to 3.00pm: Jean-Pascal Gay (Louvain-la-Neuve), *The Reservation of Cases and the Government of Religious Orders*

3.00 to 3.30pm: Silvia Mostaccio (Louvain-la-Neuve), *A Questioned Hegemony: Being a Missionary to the Armies: Echoes of a Mission Diary (Flanders, First Half of the 17th Century)*

3.30 to 4.00pm: Bernard Hours (Lyon), *The Brothers of the Christian Schools: Clerics or Lay Regulars (1682–1725)?*

4.00 to 4.30pm: Coffee break

4.30 to 5.00pm: Martin Elbel (Olomouc), *Performing Poverty: Franciscan Observance and Reform in the Early Modern Central Europe*

5.00 to 5.30pm: Nicolas Rogger (Bern), *The Communal Life of Franciscan Humility: Medial Functions of Capuchin Observance in Early Modern Switzerland (1580–1700)*

5.30 to 5.50pm: André Krischer (Freiburg im Breisgau), *Comment*

5.50 to 6.30pm: Discussion

7.00pm: Dinner (for speakers and discussants) at the Restaurant Veranda, Schanzeneckstrasse 25
Friday, 3 November 2023

Conference venue: UniS, Schanzeneckstrasse 1, Bern, room S201

9.00am to 1.00pm

2. Religious Orders and Local Religion

9.00 to 9.30am: Bruno Boute (Frankfurt am Main), “Qui colunt confraternitates sive scapularis, sive rosarii ire ad Daemones.” Mendicants, Roman Inquisitors, and Catholic Puritanism in the Low Countries (1670s)

9.30 to 10.00am: Markus Friedrich (Hamburg), Historiography as a Medium of Self-Positioning: Self-Historiography of the Societas Iesu between Universal and Regional Perspectives

10.00 to 10.30am: Philipp Zwysig (Zurich), Local Benedictines and Foreign Capuchins? Competition for the Role of Mediators between Local Society and Papal Rome in the Surselva (Grisons), 17th–18th Centuries

10.30 to 11.00am: Coffee break

11.00 to 11.30am: David Salomoni (Lisbon), The Struggle for Education: Religious Orders and the School Market in the Italian Regional States (16th–17th centuries)

11.30 to 12.00am: Samuel Weber (Bern), Forging and Exporting a Local Cult: The Neapolitan Theatines and the Scapular of the Immaculate Conception in Global Catholicism (1647–1800)

12.00 to 12.20pm: Marco Cavarzere (Venice), Comment

12.20 to 1.00pm: Discussion

1.15pm: Lunch

2.30 to 7.00pm

3. Regular Clerics' Social Networks

2.30 to 3.00pm: Andreea Badea (Frankfurt am Main), Powerful Networks: Girolamo Casanate's plans to establish Dominican Catholicism in Rome

3.00 to 3.30pm: Bertrand Marceau (Reims), A Lay Network for the Monks? The Reform of Cistercian Observance in Rome (1662–1666)

3.30 to 4.00pm: Giuanna Beeli (Bern), “All Letters Lead to Rome.” Family and Communal Interests in the Personal Networks of Celestino Sfondrati, Benedictine Abbot of Saint Gallen (1687–1696)

4.00 to 4.30pm: Coffee break

4.30 to 5.00pm: Jodi Bilinkoff (Greensboro), Urban Networks of Gender and Piety: John of the Cross OCD and Laywomen

5.00 to 5.30pm: Flavio Rurale (Udine), Religious Orders, Popes, and Catholic Princes in the Early Modern Age: Interests, Recommendations, Conflicts

5.30 to 6.00pm: Daniel Sidler (Basel), (Aspiring) Saints in the Networks of Swiss Capuchins and Jesuits

6.00 to 6.20pm: Hillard von Thiessen (Rostock), Comment

6.20 to 7.00pm: Discussion
Saturday, 4 November 2023

Conference venue: Unitobler, Lerchenweg 36, Bern, room F-121

9.00am to 1.00pm

4. Regular Clerics in Confessional Contact Zones

9.00 to 9.30am: Michele Camaioni (Rome), Capuchin Diplomacy and Preaching across the Alps: A Case Study of Giacinto da Casale (1575–1627)

9.30 to 10.00am: Daniela Hacke (Berlin), Conversions of Capuchins in the Swiss Confessional Contact Zones: The cases of Johannes Frey and Claudius Schobinger

10.00 to 10.30am: Liam Temple (Durham), ‘To Plant the Cross in the Heart of Great Britain’: The French Capuchin Mission into London

10.30 to 11.00am: Coffee break

11.00 to 11.30am: Lukas Camenzind, Reconciling Religious Observance and Practices of "Good Correspondence": Cistercians in the bi-confessional Swiss Confederacy (1640–1700)

11.30 to 12.00pm: Thomas Fässler OSB (Einsiedeln), Ecumenical Thawing between the Protestant Town of Zurich and the Benedictine Abbey of Einsiedeln in the 18th Century

12.00 to 12.20pm: Kim Siebenhüner (Jena), Comment

12.20 to 1.00pm: Discussion

1.15pm: Lunch

2.00 to 6.15pm

5. Interactions between Female and Male Communities

2.00 to 2.30pm: Alison Weber (Charlottesville), Women and Men in the Discalced Carmelite Reform and the Challenge of Spiritual Friendship

2.30 to 3.00pm: Alessia Lirosi (Rome), Nuns and Regular Clerics in Papal Rome during the 16th–17th Century: Fears, Concerns, and Reputation of Holiness

3.00 to 3.30pm: Miriam Nicoli (Chur) / Laura Quadri (Locarno), Power – Culture – Identity: The Symbolic and Political Capital of Religious Autobiography (Diocese of Como, 17th Century)

3.30 to 4.00pm: Coffee break

4.00 to 4.30pm: James E. Kelly (Durham), Just Like Everyone Else? Male Religious Orders and the English Convents in Catholic Europe

4.30 to 5.00pm: Michèle Steiner (Basel), Confessors, Priests, and Family: Solothurn Nuns and their Relationship to Regular Clerics in the 17th and 18th Century

5.00 to 5.30pm: Nadine Amsler (Basel), Comment

5.30 to 6.15pm: Final discussion

7.45pm: Dinner (for speakers and discussants) at the Brasserie Obstberg, Bantigerstrasse 18
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- Saturday, 4 November 2023: Unitobel, Lerchenweg 36, Bern, room F-121

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